(b) The study has found that ground water levels in Kaladera area in Rajasthan are declining due to ground water withdrawal and that it forms parts of over-exploited Govindgarh block of Jaipur district.

(c) Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) has issued guidelines for regulation of withdrawal of ground water in over-exploited, critical and semi-critical areas.

Programme for flood control

†2474. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to formulate a comprehensive programme for carrying the water from frequently, flooded parts of the country and surplus water flowing in rivers to drought prone areas and also to control floods in vast areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Water Resources (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980. The NPP comprises of two components *viz.* (i) Peninsular Rivers Development and (ii) Himalayan Rivers Development and envisages construction of storages on various river systems along with interlinking canal systems to transfer water from water surplus areas to water deficit regions. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up in 1982 to study the feasibility of Interbasin water transfer proposals and give a concrete shape to NPP. The Inter-linking proposals under NPP envisages additional benefits of 25 million ha. of irrigation from surface waters, 10 million ha. by increased use of ground waters and generation of 34,000 MW of power apart from the incidental benefits of flood moderation, navigation, water supply, salinity and pollution control etc.

Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 links under Peninsular Component and 14 links under Himalayan Component) for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links (Indian portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed. NWDA has taken up the work of Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for one priority link viz. Ken—Betwa under Peninsular Component.

Survey of Pancheshwar Project

†2475. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether joint survey of Pancheshwar Project has been completed;

(b) if not, by when it will be completed;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether talks have been held with Government of Nepal with regard to construction of this project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Joint survey and investigations of Pancheshwar Project have been completed except some confirmatory geo-physical tests required on the Nepal bank at Rupaligad (alternative) site for re-regulating structure.

Some contentious issues, like (i) apportionment of cost between power and irrigation and between India and Nepal; (ii) installation capacity and unit size and assessment of power benefits; and (iii) water availability downstream of Pancheshwar, etc. are also pending for final decision with Government of Nepal. Thereafter, talks would be held on construction of the Project with Government of Nepal. No discussions could be held with Nepal since December, 2004 due to internal situation in Nepal.

Irrigation projects during Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan

2476. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Centrally assisted major/medium irrigation projects which commenced during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans are still incomplete;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Project-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the work on the construction of the said projects has so far been reviewed;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof alongwith future road map for completion of remaining projects and new projects to be taken up during Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and

(e) the Central Loan Assistance/Grants provided by the Central Government to States during last three years, State-wise and Project-wise, particularly in Rajasthan and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) So far Central Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) has been provided to 253 major/medium projects/ project components. Of these, 177 projects were taken up under AIBP during Ninth and Tenth Plan. So far, 91 projects/project components have been completed which includes 61 projects of Ninth and Tenth Plan.

(b) Project-wise and State-wise details of irrigation projects under AIBP during Ninth and Tenth Plan are give in the Annexure.

[*See* Appendix 213 Annexure No. 8]

(c) As per existing procedure, all the major and medium projects under AIBP are monitored by the Central Water Commission by paying field visits twice a year which is to be followed up by the submission of Monitoring Report to the Ministry of Water Resources and other concerned offices including Water Resources/Irrigation Department of the State Governments. Periodic Reviews have also been taken from time to time by the Ministry of Water Resources with the State Governments.